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Sir:

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

On page 1, after the title, please delete the first paragraph and insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/22517, filed 29 September 1999, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part and claims priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/162,524, filed September 29, 1998, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.--

Please cancel claims ~~2-5, 7-13, 15, 17, 19-20, 22-23, 25-26, 28-32, 35-37, 38-43, 46-47, 51, 53-55, 58-59, 62-65, 67-73, 75, 77, 79-80, 82-83, 85-86, 88-93, 95-97, 99-103, 106-107, 111, 113-115,~~ and 118-119 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please amend claims 16, 34, 44-45, 48, 76, 94, 104-105, and 108 as follows: